

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Docket No. 006401.00033)

In re application of)	
Frank W. Barresi, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1651
Serial No.: 10/653,037)	
)	Examiner: A. Jiang
Filed: August 29, 2003)	
)	Confirmation No.: 1539
Title: Reduced Malto-Oligosaccharides)	

Commissioner for Patents
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STATUS INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

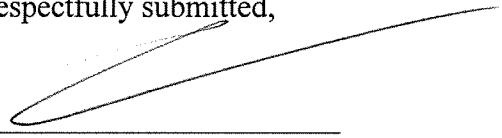
On April 8, 2005, a non-final rejection was mailed. Applicant responded on July 20, 2005 with a Terminal Disclaimer. This Terminal Disclaimer is fully responsive to the sole ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action. On this same date, the Terminal Disclaimer was accepted by paralegal Dorethea Lawrence, as is evidenced by a record in the PTO's PAIR System.

The undersigned law firm has received a number of calls from the PTO requesting that applicants confirm that this case has not been abandoned. In each case, we have confirmed that the case is still pending. We understand that the original examiner (Howard Owens) has left the PTO, and that this application has been not acted on since then. This application appears to have been mis-docketed by the PTO; we note further that this application does not appear to have been published, although no non-publication request was filed.

In any case, the application is in condition for allowance, and has been for some time. Applicants respectfully request that the case promptly be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 26, 2006



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